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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be made of record and considered before the first Office Action on the merits.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-21 and add the following new claims

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22. A guide wire comprising:
an elongate core composed of a nickel-titanium alloy and having a length; and
a coil composed of a second material and surrounding a substantial portion of the
length of the core.

23. The guide wire of claim 22 wherein the coil surrounds a portion of the core near a proximal end of the core.

24. The guide wire of claim 23 wherein the coil surrounds the proximal end of the core.

25. The guide wire of claim 22 wherein the coil surrounds the entire length of the core.

27. The guide wire of claim 25 wherein the coil extends along the length of the core from the portion of the core near the proximal end of the core to a portion of the core near a distal end of the core, the coil terminating proximal of the distal end of the core and bonded to the core at the termination of the coil.

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